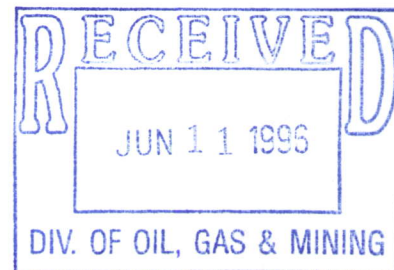


June 3, 1996



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Re: Your Letter Dated May 23, 1996 to Minerals File,
M/047/022 and M/047/032, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Tony:

In the above referenced letter, you discussed a proposed agreement between Uintah County and BVRC and stated that the County "will continue to mine as much as 30,000 tons per day of asphalt from property controlled by BVRC." Please revise your records to show 30,000 tons per year, not per day. We wouldn't want anybody to get the impression that we, or Uintah County, are planning such a large scale mining operation at this time.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom Bachtell".

Thomas W. Bachtell
President

TWB:cs

cc: Lonnie Hogan
James A. Middleton
Jay Mealey